

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1                    1.        1. A neck pillow system comprising:  
2                    a neck pillow comprising a pillow body having a medial region and two arms  
3                    that each have an end, wherein the arms extend from the medial region to form a generally  
4                    open well, and wherein the neck pillow is configured to be placed around a baby's neck, with  
5                    the medial region being positioned at the baby's back and the two ends positioned at the  
6                    baby's front; and  
7                    a bib removably coupled to the pillow body near each of the ends to permit the  
8                    bib to hang vertically down over the baby's chest.
- 1                    2.        A system as in claim 1, further comprises a fastener on the bib to  
2                    removably couple the bib to the ends.
- 1                    3.        A system as in claim 2, wherein the fastener comprises a hook and  
2                    loop fastener material.
- 1                    4.        A system as in claim 1, wherein the bib has a bottom end, a top end  
2                    and two sides, and wherein the top end includes two extending regions and a recessed region,  
3                    and wherein the two extending regions are configured to be coupled to the two ends.
- 1                    5.        A system as in claim 4, wherein the bib has a length in the range from  
2                    about 5 inches to about 10 inches and a width in the range from about 5 inches to about 10  
3                    inches.
- 1                    6.        A system as in claim 4, wherein the extending regions have a width of  
2                    about 1 inch to about 3 inches and wherein the recessed region is recessed about 2 inches to  
3                    about 3 inches.
- 1                    7.        A system as in claim 1, wherein the pillow body comprises a fill  
2                    material encased by a fabric cover.
- 1                    8.        A system as in claim 1, wherein the cover comprises a fabric and  
2                    wherein the bib comprises a fabric.
- 1                    9.        A system as in claim 1, wherein the arms of the pillow body increase  
2                    in width as they extend away from the medial region.

1                    10.     A system as in claim 1, wherein the medial region has a width of about  
2     0.5 inch to about 2 inches, wherein the arms have a width of about 1 inch to about 3 inches  
3     and a length of about 4 inches to about 6 inches, and wherein the well has a width of about 2  
4     inches to about 4 inches.

1                    11.     A system as in claim 1, wherein the ends have a thickness in the range  
2     from about 0.75 inch to about 2 inches, and wherein the thickness increases in a direction  
3     away from the medial region.

1                    12.     A method for securing a bib to a baby, the method comprising:  
2                    providing a neck pillow comprising a pillow body having a medial region and  
3     two arms that each have an end, wherein the arms extend from the medial region to form a  
4     generally open well;  
5                    placing the pillow body about the baby's neck, with the medial region being  
6     positioned at the baby's back and the two ends positioned at the baby's front; and  
7                    removably coupling a bib to the pillow body near each of the ends after the  
8     neck pillow has been placed about the baby's neck, with the bib hanging vertically down over  
9     the baby's chest.

1                    13.     A method as in claim 12, further comprising removably coupling the  
2     bib to the pillow body using fasteners.

1                    14.     A method as in claim 13, wherein the pillow body includes a fabric  
2     cover, and wherein the fasteners comprise a hook and loop fastener material coupled to the  
3     bib, and further comprising contacting the fastener material to the fabric cover to removably  
4     couple the bib to the pillow.

1                    15.     A method as in claim 12, further comprising removing the bib from the  
2     pillow body and washing the bib.

1                    16.     A method as in claim 12, wherein the bib substantially covers the  
2     baby's chest.

1                    17.     A method as in claim 12, wherein the arms assist to support the baby's  
2     head in an upright orientation.

1                    18.     A method as in claim 12, wherein the ends are close to touching each  
2     other when placed about the baby's neck.